

Recommendations for Proposed Special Committee Tasks

Utah Commission on Aging

November 17, 2005

A. Financial Security

1. Explore collaboration with Utah Saves (February 28, 2006)
2. Create a Consumer Guide to Financial Security (March 31, 2006)
 - o Conduct evaluation of effectiveness of consumer guide (September 30, 2006)
3. Assure that Financial Security is addressed by any resource center on aging that is created by the Commission (September 30, 2006)
4. Assess policy gaps for regulatory/legislative consideration (December 30, 2006)

B. Community-Based Care and Services

1. Explore the feasibility of developing a one-stop web-based resource tool that will provide a comprehensive list of resources available to an aging individual that can be accessed by providers, caregivers, and aging individuals (February 28, 2006)
2. Explore the feasibility of forming an Aging Resource Center in collaboration with other Special Committees and existing agencies (February 28, 2006)
3. Conduct a law/policy review of DHS (Aging, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, DSPD), DOH, and Workforce Services programs that support aging individuals in the community, and encourage/recommend changes that support integration of services, transparency, and cooperation (May 31, 2006)
4. Support E(1)

C. Caregiver

1. Review N4A “Making the Link” program and determine whether to assist AAAs in applying (February 28, 2006)
2. Identify evidence-based and successful models for supporting caregivers in the workplace and recruit one State of Utah department or division and one private sector employer to test caregiver-friendly policies (May 31, 2006)
 - o Evaluate the success of the caregiver friendly workplace models (November 30, 2006)
3. With UCARE and Healthcare Special Committee, develop and assess the effectiveness of training caregivers as care managers (June 30, 2007)
4. Support B(1-2)

D. Education

1. Produce a web-based and paper Sourcebook: a one-stop shopping resource for citizens in the State of Utah that addresses
 - o Opportunities for retraining and education of older adults
 - o Opportunities for professional development as a specialist in aging issues (July 31, 2006)

E. Healthcare

1. Pilot the use of an evidence-based geriatric care management model in doctors' offices and recruit doctors' offices to participate (May 31, 2006)
 - Implement the pilot program (December 31, 2006)
 - Evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program (June 30, 2007)
2. Work with HealthInsight and UHIN to assure that geriatric risk factors and appropriate triggers are included in electronic medical records used with the geriatric population (June 30, 2007)
3. Support B(1-2)
4. Support C(3), by supplying expertise on evaluation and outcome-based measures.

F. Quality of Life in Licensed Residential Settings

1. Work with UHCA, UALA, and HealthInsight to implement culture change programs (October 31, 2006)
2. Work with industry organizations (UHCA and UALA) to develop a program for CNA professionalism and recognition (May 31, 2006)
3. Implement program for CNA professionalism (NAGNA) (November 30, 2006)
 - Evaluate success of CNA program using outcome measures (June 30, 2007)
4. Explore the feasibility of developing and implementing a social marketing campaign to change the perception of aging, and make recommendations to the Commission about implementation (February 28, 2006)
5. Develop a pilot program for long-term care facilities designed to improve satisfaction of residents and employees through culture change; obtain waivers, and recruit 5 facilities for pilot (May 31, 2006)
 - Implement pilot program and begin evaluation (November 30, 2006)
 - Evaluate pilot program (June 30, 2007)

G. Healthy Aging

1. Encourage all State of Utah Departments to adopt the Governor's Workwell recommendations and to evaluate changes in behavior after adoption of recommendations (September 30, 2006)
2. Study Utah laws and policies and make recommendations for changes if current law, regulations, and policies fail to encourage or discourage healthy behaviors (November 30, 2006)
3. Communicate with Envision Utah to explore ways to encourage healthy communities and to develop evidence-based models on how to improve the overall health of the community (May 31, 2006)
4. Work with existing programs, such as PRIME at Dixie Regional Medical Center, to assure that programs are evaluating outcomes of efforts and developing best practice models that can be replicated in other communities (July 31, 2006)
5. Determine whether there is a role for the Commission in linking existing programs with community organizations and make recommendations to the Commission about further projects (March 31, 2006)
6. Encourage Department of Workforce Services to consider health promotion in its Work Life awards